

ABSTRACT

2 A face shield assembly including a frame and a removable protective element
3 supported by the frame is disclosed herein. The protective element is removably supported in
4 an opening of the frame by a channel, without the use of fasteners. Because the face shield
5 lacks fasteners, it is easy to remove and replace, even with the use of gloves. In one
6 embodiment, the frame is molded as a single, unitary member and includes an upper detent, a
7 lower detent and a channel formed between a lip and the frame that receives an edge of the
8 protective element in order to hold the protective element within the frame. In another
9 embodiment, the frame is pivotally supported on a support structure such that the frame can
10 be moved between an upper (out of use) and a lower (in use) position, and may further
11 include an adjustable mounting member so that the frame can be selectively spaced relative
12 to the user's head.